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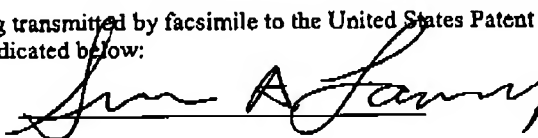
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REVISED REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This response is filed in reply to the outstanding Restriction Requirement, mailed November 17, 2004, in connection with the above application. Applicants wish to vacate their previous response and instead elect Group III, claims 28-42, 50-55, 63, and 65, *with traverse*, on the following grounds. It is hoped that this change will not inconvenience the Examiner and will be effective to change the group being elected.

Applicants traverse this restriction requirement on the basis that the Group IV, which is mischaracterized in the restriction requirement, is also directed to methods of determining whether a polypeptide binds a ligand. Accordingly, Groups IV and III are closely related and share common features that would facilitate searching both groups at once. Therefore, a search and examination of both groups can be made without imposing additional serious burden on the Examiner. Accordingly, reconsideration is respectfully requested.

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